

Griff Thinks Climbers
As Good as the Athletics

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GRIF WOULD BET ON WINNING THREE

Manager Confident of Taking Series From Athletics in Philadelphia—Says Team Is Overrated and Makes Comparison—Senator Shows Weakness of Climbers in Hitting.

By "SENATOR."

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 1.—To-day's games with the Mackmen at Shibe Park will come close to determining the relative strength of the two teams and also the final position of the Griffmen. If the latter can win three of the four contests scheduled for this city with Athletics, or even break even with them, they may take courage and establish a better record during their home stay, beginning on Thursday at Florida avenue. Manager Griffith is willing to bet that he will win at least three of the four contests, but he is always confident of defeating the Mackmen before the battle.

"If we can win all four games here on this trip," says the Old Fox, "we shall have a chance for the pennant. Remember how the Naps went to pieces after we hit them a wallop! Well, the Mackmen may bump against the same thing. Of course, I hope we all four, but three out of the four will look pretty good, at that."

"These Athletics are greatly overrated by everybody. Man for man they are not a whit better than we are, though six of them are hitting for more than .300. Their pitching staff isn't as good as mine. For two years now they have walked up, because they always met us when we were going bad. Owing to the punk schedule we have this year, we played seven of our eleven games in this city on the spring trip. At that time we were in bad shape. Our pitchers were not delivering the goods, and the games were lost on that account. Just to show how Philadelphia always has the luck against us, look at that series scheduled for Washington. Their pitchers were all in bad shape, and we should have won every game. What happened? It rained for the whole week. The Philadelphia club was in Washington, and we had to play doubleheaders later. I hate to think of that. It can't go on forever. We're bound to prove ourselves better than we ever have yet, and I expect that Connie will have strength from now to the end of the season to trim us."

Until today the record of the Mackmen and the Griffmen shows eleven victories for the White Elephants against four for the Philadelphians. Seven games remain to be played between them, four here in this series and three in Washington September 2, 3, and October 1. Most of these eleven victories over the Climbers have been by wide margins. The Griffmen have always been up in the punch when needed. The season's work of Griff's lads against the Shibe

Park denizens is not a pleasant spectacle. A comparison of the offensive strength of the two teams battling today at Shibe Park shows a great preponderance in favor of the league leaders. Here's how they shape up:

ATHLETICS		GRIFMEN	
Oldring	290	Shanks	245
Walsh	288	Milner	245
M. Murphy	203	Moeller	248
McInnes	237	Gandil	327
E. Collins	322	Morgan	370
Barry	330	McBride	313
Baker	333	Foster	324
Lapp	270	Alsmuth	300
		Lapp	312

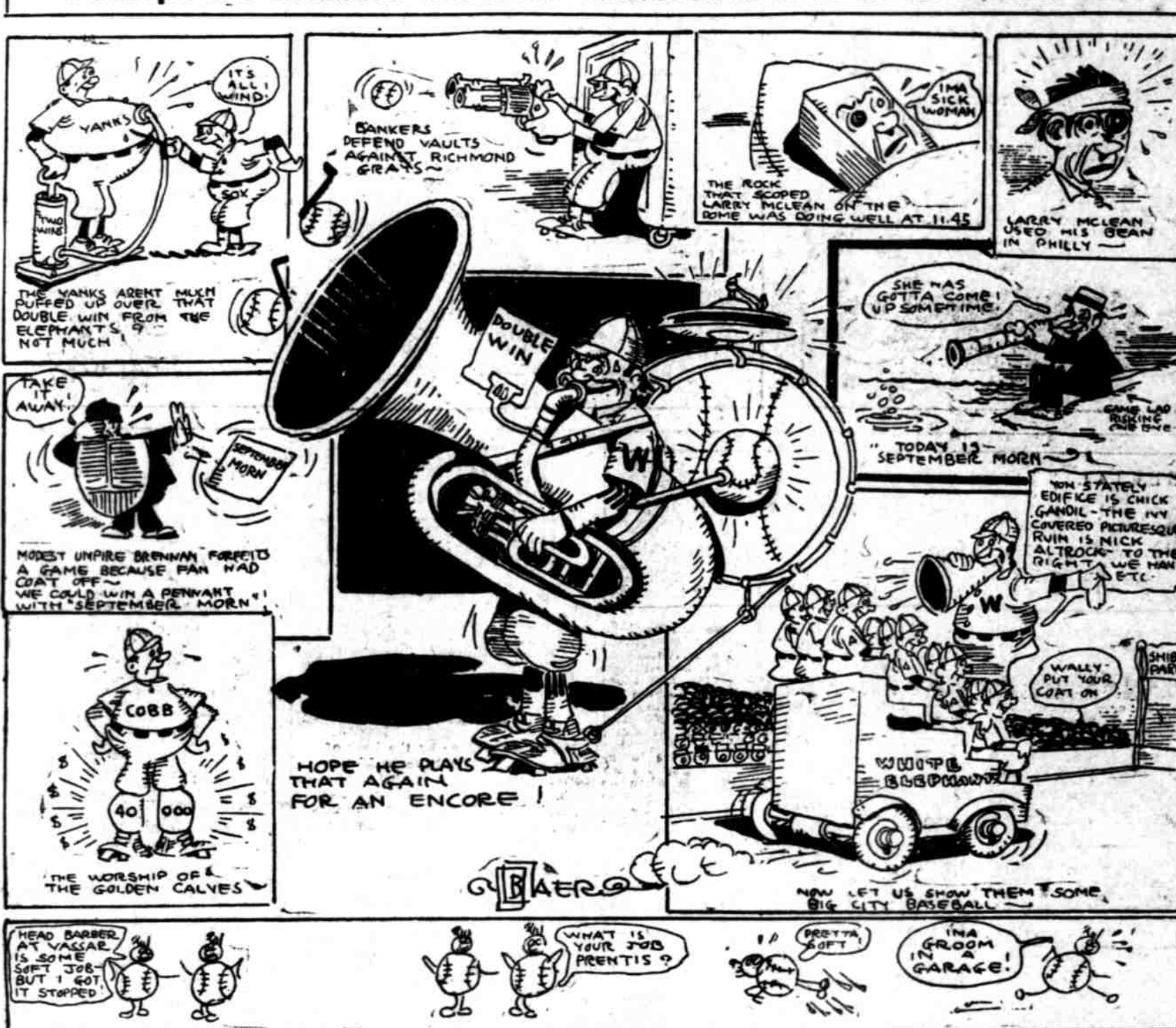
According to these figures, the Griffmen haven't one outfielder in the .300 class. Walsh is the one weak slier in the Mackmen's garden, and he is substituting for the injured Strunk, whose average is .315. Three of the four infielders are well above the .300 line, with Gandil the lone slugger for the Philadelphians. McBride and Foster are many points behind Barry, the weakest hitter in the Athletics' infield, while Morgan leads him only by ten points. It is not difficult, after studying these figures, to understand the tremendous task ahead of the Griffmen, if they would make Griff's prophecy bear fruit.

Those two victories in Boston Saturday have greatly benefited the morale of the Griffmen. Thursday's painful defeat at the hands of the Red Sox by means of Milan's error left a sting that threatened to turn everybody into a human grinch for the remainder of the trip, but the double win Saturday has once more brought smiles to the faces of the noble young athletes, and now they are looking forward to keeping up road tactics when they reach Washington.

The trip here was monotonous, featured only by the breakdown of the transportation department in New York, thus keeping up the record made on the start. When the train pulled out of New York it was discovered that there were about six seats for thirty men. The special car for the players had not been put on, and so for two hours most of the players stood up and admired the New Jersey scenery. A few seats in the club car, and the six available seats in the car were snapped up, and the train rolled across New Jersey.

The train out of Washington for Buffalo was late, and the team's special cars were attached to the fast freight for Detroit. There was no dinner on the train, and the players had to make do with sandwiches and fruit. The special car for the players had not been put on, and so for two hours most of the players stood up and admired the New Jersey scenery. A few seats in the club car, and the six available seats in the car were snapped up, and the train rolled across New Jersey.

Perhaps the Climbers Will Blow Themselves to Another Double Win



BRETON MAKES HIT WITH WHITE SOX

Makes Costly Error, But Shows His Worth When at the Bat.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 1.—Despite the fact that his play on an easy chance at Chicago cost the White Sox yesterday's game with the Tigers, Manager Callahan declared today that Breton recruit shortstop of the Sox may prove one of the most sensational of the league next season.

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George Davis, pitcher of the Rochester, N. Y., team of the International League, was taken purchased by the Boston Nationals.

Mrs. Britton said she is willing to spend \$30,000 for players who can win a pennant. Well, she'll have to pay a little more than that to get up a bunch to cop the rag.

Jack Frill, one of the pitchers on whom Manager Clymer of Buffalo counted to keep the Bisons near the top, is not showing the form he did last season. His record last season was eighteen wins and seven defeats, while his record to date is ten wins and fifteen losses.

Manager McGraw expects Rube Marquardt, his star outfielder, to be the star of the coming world's series. The Rube has been pitching very good ball this season.

It is said that Rondeau, the recruit catcher of the Tigers, will be sent to Minneapolis along with Joe Lake, the veteran hurler.

Johnny Beal, the youngster who went to Milwaukee in part payment for Chapell, is batting in the clean-up position for the Brewers.

Schanz, Connie Mack's wonderful young rover, has a batting average of .300. His contributions include four doubles, two triples, and three circuit drives.

Earl Yungling, the Brooklyn twirler, seems to be the baddest hitting pitcher in the National League. Yungling has a mark of .275 for twenty-eight games.

Reds Pocket Two.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 1.—The Cincinnati Reds took two games from the St. Louis Cardinals. Scores 10 to 5 and 5 to 2.

FANS ARE PLEASED WITH BOOSTER PLAN

Demonstration for George McBride to Be Held at Convention Hall, September 18, Meets With Approval of Fans—Rooters Can Contribute to Check for Captain.

Fans and followers of the George McBride fund are more than pleased with the announcement that Convention Hall has been obtained for the big Boosters' demonstration, when the check will be presented to the 18 meets with the approval of all of the Boosters Club, who promise to get into line for the big affair.

Boos Booster Bill Hoover is keeping things on the move for the McBride Fund celebration and promises a number of features for the affair. According to the chief booster, there will be a number of individual performances of several numbers. Quartettes, songs from individual performers, a wrestling exhibition and other stunts are in mind for the demonstration for the captain of the Nationals.

According to the Boosters everything is lined up nicely for the demonstration for George McBride. "He is deserving of all that can be done for him," said Bill Hoover today. "The fans are getting into line and when the returns are counted over it will be found that the enthusiasm is just as strong, if not stronger than it was for Walter Johnson."

"There will be several interesting features connected with the Boosters' demonstration at Convention Hall," continued Boos Hoover, "and after making a canvass of the boosters and fans I have come to the conclusion that it will be the best thing ever held in Washington in honor of a baseball player."

W. P. Barnhardt, who has organized the Barnhardt Auto Boosters Club, is heartily in favor of the move which obtained Convention Hall. "I am making a canvass of the automobile houses, and I find that all of the men are in favor of the Convention Hall project. So far, I have gotten more than forty dollars and all expect the same will greatly exceed this. All of the automobile men are in favor of the McBride fund, and will come across in good shape."

Fred H. Geyer, who has a Boosters club on Fourteenth street, is also enthusiastic about the McBride celebration. "We are putting up a headquarters for Boosters donations, and will take anything the supporters of George McBride give us," said Geyer.

Previously acknowledged: \$44.10. W. P. BARNHARDT AUTO BOOSTERS. Lanford Eddie.....\$0.50. Another Mac.....1.00. Brownie.....1.00. Ed J. Orme.....1.00. F. K. Hendrick.....1.00. Fred Harvey.....1.00. Fred A. Volt.....1.00. C. A. L.....1.00. W. A. Marshall.....1.00. S. F. Gardner.....1.00. W. A. Marshall.....1.00. M. Johnson.....1.00. Total.....\$3.50. Grand total.....\$3.50.

Labor Day Sports Elsewhere

National amateur golf championship tournament opens at Garden City, L. I.

Opening of the International shooting tournament at Camp Perry, Ohio. German-American sander class yacht races begin off Marblehead, Mass.

Opening of grand circuit race meeting at Hartford, Conn. Opening of Great Western circuit race meeting at Hamline, Minn. Tennis tournament for championship of the Great Lakes opens at Buffalo, N. Y.

Annual regatta of the Middle States Regatta Association, New York city. Opening of annual Newport horse show, Newport, R. I. Two-hundred-mile automobile track race at Columbus, Ohio. Annual bench show of Lehigh Valley Kennel Club, Allentown, Pa. Leach Cross vs. Johnny Dundee, twenty rounds, at Los Angeles. Charley White vs. Johnny Griffith, twelve rounds, at Canton, Ohio. Patsy Drouillard vs. Mickey Sheridan, ten rounds, at Peoria, Ill. Art Alard vs. Leo Benz, twelve rounds, at Butte, Mont. Ollie Kirk vs. Frankie Sheridan, ten rounds, at Fort Smith, Ark. "Spik" Kelly vs. Tommy Sheehan, ten rounds, at Superior, Wis. "K. O." Sweeney vs. Eddie Forrest, ten rounds, at Syracuse, N. Y.

RICKEY TO RELIEVE GEORGE STOVALL

Will Be in Charge of St. Louis Browns on Last Eastern Trip of Season.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 1.—That Branch Rickey, scout and legal adviser of the Browns, will succeed George Stovall as manager on September 8, when the club departs on its last Eastern trip, was authoritatively reported yesterday.

President Ban Johnson, of the American League, reached this city unannounced, early Saturday morning and was closeted with President Hedges, of the Browns, the greater part of the day.

Kentuckian May Be Irish-American M. P.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—James Thompson, of Louisville, Ky., who arrived on board the Caledonia with his two sons, Frank and James, from Ireland, is gravely considering the question as to whether he will accept an invitation extended to him and become the first American member of parliament from Ireland.

Should he accept, this would necessitate his becoming a British subject. He declared if he did accept the invitation it would be on account of his very pronounced desire for home rule for Ireland.

Keene Horses Are on Exhibition in Gotham

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—Some of the greatest horses in the history of American racing were on exhibition here today, including Peter Pan and Colin, the undefeated racer. They represent what is left of the stable of the late James R. Keene. All will be put under the hammer tomorrow night, and some fancy prices are expected to be paid for them.

Arriving here today on a special train from Lexington, Ky., the horses were reported to be in excellent condition. Besides Colin and Peter Pan, the string included Voter, sire of Ballot; Celt, Dis-solve, sire of Maskette; Delhi, Ultimus, and Hippodrome. Among the mares are Cap and Belle, Royal Rose, and the dams of Syonby, Collin, Castleton, Power Quince, and others.

Tigers Get Platte.

The Detroit Tigers have purchased Al Platte from the Providence club, of the International League. Platte was considered the star outfielder of the team.

Camnitz Is Sorry.

Howard Camnitz, former star pitcher of the Pirates, who was traded to the Phillies, accompanied by his wife and child, left for Philadelphia. Camnitz says he is sorry he has to leave his old pals and adds that he never saw a fairer manager than Fred Clarke.

Smith to Pilot.

At last they have found a man to take Bill Dahlen's place. It is rumored that Harry Smith, the Philadelphia Camnitz team, will pilot the Dodgers in 1914.

Back in Form.

Hans Wagner is now back again in the .300 circle. Honus predicted that he would bat .300 or better before the New York series was over, and he did.

Cashion Is Expecting to
Take Regular Turn in Box

CASHION ON HAND TO PLAY IF NEEDED

Carolina Curver Hopes to Be Able to Take Regular Turn in Box Before Season Closes—Kahoe Reports Scarcity of Outfielders—Griff Gives Fielders Practice.

By "SENATOR."

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 1.—Wholly unexpected, Jay Carl Cashion, the Carolina Curver, has joined the Griffmen here, an dwill remain until the series at Shibe Park is completed. He arrived in time to have lunch yesterday with his pal, "Hack" Alsmuth.

Cashion has been working out with Jack Bentley, Jack Ryan and Merito Acosta at the Florida avenue park ever since the Griffmen left for their final swing around the American League circuit. He hopes to be able to take his place on the mound before the season ends. Manager Griffith, however, is not counting upon Cashion for any more work this year, and it would not be surprising if the big fellow were excused for the year within a week or so.

Cashion was expected to be a reliable finger for the Griffmen this year, but he has appeared in but three games. Making his first attempt to start a game on the mound in Cleveland in a spring, Cashion injured his pitching arm. He found himself unable to throw a curve ball, and had to quit to rest the torn ligaments in his hurling wing. He says that his arm is somewhat improved now, but there is little likelihood of his being used this season in the box.

Manager Griffith has heard from Mike Kahoe, the prize scout reporting that good outfielders cannot be found anywhere in the country. The scout, who is the Old Fox's still hunting for a couple of hitting gardeners, and he may dig up a few before a week has gone by.

That defeat suffered by Johnson in Boston, through the inability of both

Chick Gandil had a companion all the way from Boston to the Land of Nod. It is a Boston terrier puppy for little Miss Gandil, and when the Gandil heirs see her raw pet she is going to be the happiest youngster in all Cherrydale, Va. Gandil had no trouble with the puppy at any time, the little fellow holding up in his berth and never making through. Mrs. Gandil joined her husband yesterday, getting her first glimpse of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Hughes also joined the party at the Majestic yesterday afternoon, and probably will remain here until the series is done.

Sunday in Philadelphia—can anything be sleepier? It's worse than the Sahara in more ways than one, being both dry and lonely. The athletes, not having slept much the night before, snoring all afternoon, though a few did manage to get up enough life to take motor car rides to some of the parks here. Bob Groom, Eddie Foster, and Clark Griffith braved themselves with bridge leading, productive of much argument without winning. Some of the boys went out gardening, and he may dig up a few before a week has gone by. That defeat suffered by Johnson in Boston, through the inability of both

BIRMY IS HOPEFUL FOR 1914 PENNANT

Cleveland Fans Are Strong for Naps Manager and Back Him in Wordy Battle Against Inferences of Ban Johnson. Leader of Somers' Team Has Made Owner Money.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 1.—Joe Birmingham and his toppy Naps have come to the wait-until-next-year stage of play. With the Athletics out in front by nine and one-half games, Birmingham is beginning to lose hope for a pennant this season and sees one-down the vista of a combined.

Birmingham certainly has been a success with the Naps. He more nearly made them show the latent talent which has been with the club for several years than any or all of the other managers of late years Cleveland has had.

Had Cleveland played as successfully in the middle of the schedule as it did at the beginning and as it promises to finish, the Athletics would not come in.

But the essential point is that Birmingham has kept Cleveland out in first place within striking distance of the flag and in so doing he has tremendously swelled the coffers of Somers & Co.

The Cleveland fans are as one for Birmingham, and evidence in the spontaneous fashion in which they came to his assistance when Ban Johnson inferred that he was not fit to manage a major league ball club. There were thousands of names signed to petitions in Birmingham's behalf. It was in all the most gratifying testimonial received by any American League manager this season.

Big League Biffers of a Day.

Grob, Reds.....2 2 2 1.000. Blackburn, Reds.....1 1 1 1.000. Archer, Cubs.....4 3 8 .750. Bates, Reds.....3 2 2 .667. Harmon, Cards.....3 2 2 .667. Magee, Cards.....5 3 3 .600. Egan, Reds.....5 3 3 .600. Breton, White Sox.....4 2 3 .500. Lord, White Sox.....4 2 3 .500. Crawford, Tigers.....4 2 2 .500. Loudon, Tigers.....4 2 2 .500. Evans, Cards.....4 2 2 .500.

Famous Hitter Poses for Sculptor and Models Will Be Sold Everywhere.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 1.—Joe Jackson is being modeled, and casts of his statue will be sold broadcast all over the world. Also one of the statues will be placed in the academy at Munich and one at the academy at Rome as a type. Joe posed for the cast two months ago. The first cast was six weeks in the making. Today it was handed to Joe for his approval. Joe O. K'd it. The statues are being made by Fritz Deenes, a well-known sculptor.

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Standing of the Clubs.

Won. Lost. Pct. Today's

Philadelphia	41	.461	.667	.653
Cleveland	35	.389	.600	.600
Washington	34	.378	.583	.583
Chicago	33	.361	.538	.538
Boston	29	.319	.486	.486
St. Louis	28	.308	.462	.462
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New York	42	.461	.667	.667

Today's Games.

Washington at Philadelphia.

New York at Boston.

Chicago at Cleveland.

St. Louis at Detroit.

(All clubs will play two games.)

Tomorrow's Games.

Washington at Philadelphia.

New York at Boston.

Cleveland at Chicago.

Yesterday's Results.

Detroit 3; Chicago 4.

Cleveland 9; St. Louis 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.

Won. Lost. Pct. Today's

New York	30	.338	.499	.491
Philadelphia	28	.311	.455	.455
Chicago	27	.300	.450	.450
Pittsburgh	26	.289	.429	.429
Baltimore	25	.278	.412	.412
St. Louis	24	.267	.400	.400
Cincinnati	23	.256	.385	.385
St. Louis	42	.461	.667	.667

Today's Games.

Boston at New York.

Philadelphia at Brooklyn.

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(All clubs will play two games.)

Tomorrow's Games.

Philadelphia at Brooklyn.

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh.

Boston at New York.

Chicago at St. Louis.

Yesterday's Results.

Chicago 10; Pittsburgh 6.

Cincinnati 2; St. Louis 5.

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MINOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE				CAROLINA ASSOCIATION			
Clubs	W.L.Pct.	Clubs	W.L.Pct.	Clubs	W.L.Pct.	Clubs	W.L.Pct.
Newark	41	.461	.667	Wilmington	30	.338	.499
Richmond	35	.389	.600	Roanoke	28	.311	.455
Baltimore	34	.378	.583	Durham	27	.300	.450
Baltimore	34	.378	.583	Charlotte	26	.289	.429
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Today is Labor Day for baseball fans, golfers, racquetists, race horses, track athletes, cartoonists, and sport writers. Yes it is!